

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: October 11, 2006

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chair
Greg Bowes
Vernon Brown
William Oliver
Lynn McWhirter

Absent Members

Sherron Franklin
Lincoln Plowman
Scott Schneider

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 526, 2006 - appropriates a total of \$52,370 in the 2006 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Police Division and Emergency Planning Division (Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Fund), to expose all "first responders" to simulated exercises to test all hazards training, financed by a US Department of Homeland Security grant
"Do Pass" Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 527, 2006 - approves an increase of \$200,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (Drug Testing Laboratory Fund) to fund increased expenses related to an increase in the number of drug tests administered by the Superior Court, insuring compliance with court requirements
"Do Pass" Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 528, 2006 - approves an increase of \$635,702 in the 2006 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (State and Federal Grants Fund) to appropriate a young offenders grant, a community court grant, a meth testing grant to provide for salaries and contractual services (grants provided by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute) and to appropriate a court improvement grant to move cases more swiftly at the Juvenile Court and a CAPTA grant to fund CASA and guardian ad litem services provided by Child Advocates (grants provided by the Indiana Supreme Court)
"Do Pass" Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 529, 2006 - approves an increase of \$56,231 in the 2006 Budget of Marion Superior Court (State and Federal Grants Fund) to appropriate two grants from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for the CASA program and a supervised visitation program, supported by Kid's Voice

"Do Pass"

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 530, 2006 - approves a transfer of \$788,491 in the 2006 Budget of Marion Superior Court (County General Fund) to pay the costs of the clinic at the Juvenile Center and to replenish Character 03 funds transferred earlier this year

"Do Pass"

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 531, 2006 - appropriates \$464,525 in the 2006 Budget of Marion County Community Corrections (Home Detention User Fee Fund) to fund 2 Outreach Coordinators to work with and assist the adjoining neighborhood associations surrounding the Duvall Residential Center and to acquire additional equipment for the home detention program

"Do Pass"

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 532, 2006 approves a transfer of \$75,957 in the 2006 Budget of Marion County Community Corrections (State and Federal Grants Fund) to pay for two community supervision managers

"Do Pass"

Vote: 5-0

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, October 11, 2006. Chair Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., with the following members present: Greg Bowes, Vernon Brown, Lynn McWhirter, and William Oliver. Absent were Sherron Franklin, Lincoln Plowman, and Scott Schneider.

PROPOSAL NO. 526, 2006 - appropriates a total of \$52,370 in the 2006 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Police Division and Emergency Planning Division (Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Fund), to expose all "first responders" to simulated exercises to test all hazards training, financed by a US Department of Homeland Security grant

John Ball, Director of the Emergency Management Planning Division, said that as part of making sure the city is prepared in handling disasters, it is important to practice, train, and exercise hands on. He said recently two exercises were conducted: a large scale hazardous material exercise and a National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) exercise. He said some cost was accrued by participating in these exercises; however, the cost is reimbursable through the above grant.

Elizabeth Allison, Grant Manager for the Indianapolis Police Department, said that once the expenses are accrued they send in a bill and then they receive a grant award. Therefore, the city will always be reimbursed after the expense is made. She went on to give the breakdown of the expenses covered by the grant (Exhibit A, attached).

Councillor Oliver asked if the training was for Marion County only. Mr. Ball said the hazardous material exercise was generally Marion County, and the NDMS involved local, state and federal agencies. Councillor Oliver asked what the chain of command is when multiple agencies are involved. Mr. Ball said this is the purpose of the exercises; to practice chain of command, operational capability, communications, etc.

Councillor Oliver moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal No. 526, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Allison said the funds from the Homeland Security Grant will no longer go toward a scanner to be placed at Eli Lilly, and \$80,000 will be moved to the City-County Building for a new garage door on the Delaware Street side. The scanner will still be purchased; however, it will be retained completely by the City of Indianapolis.

Councillor Brown asked if the scanner is portable. Ms. Allison said she believes it is portable but will get back with Councillor Brown with a definite answer.

Chair Moriarty Adams asked for consent to group Proposal Nos. 527- 530, 2006 together. Consent was given.

PROPOSAL NO. 527, 2006 - approves an increase of \$200,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (Drug Testing Laboratory Fund) to fund increased expenses related to an increase in the number of drug tests administered by the Superior Court, insuring compliance with court requirements

Sue Patterson, Director of Finances for the Court Services Agency, explained the details of this proposal (Exhibit B, attached) and said when they started the drug testing in 2000, it cost an individual \$25 to go outside the City-County Building to receive a drug test. She said people can now comply with court requirements and receive a drug test within the building for \$5. Ms. Patterson went on to say that this revenue has been generated by the drug lab and is not being funded by any tax dollars.

Councillor Brown asked if the \$80,000 in Character 01 is for personnel. Ms. Patterson replied in the affirmative and said because more tests are being done, more collectors are needed, both male and female at all times.

Chair Moriarty Adams asked if all the collectors are part-time. Ms. Patterson replied in the affirmative.

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Ms. Patterson explained Exhibit B, per Proposal No. 528, 2006 and explained each grant. The Young Offender Grant not only funds court personnel but Public Defenders and Prosecutors. The Community Court grant is in its fourth year and it funds the Community Court Coordinator, a portion of the Resource Coordinator, and a Community Work Service Coordinator. This is the first year for the Meth Testing Grant. The Court Improvement Grant provides part of the salary for a Commissioner in Juvenile Court, and the match is met by the remainder of the salary that the court pays to the Commissioner in order to hear those cases on an expedited bases. CAPTA funds come from the federal government through the state to fund the guardian ad litem program.

PROPOSAL NO. 529, 2006 - approves an increase of \$56,231 in the 2006 Budget of Marion Superior Court (State and Federal Grants Fund) to appropriate two grants from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for the CASA program and a supervised visitation program, supported by Kid's Voice

Ms. Patterson explained Exhibit B, per Proposal No. 529, 2006, and said Kid's Voice provides services and staff for supervised visitations with parents. She said the matches for this grant will be met by Kid's Voice through private donations. Ms. Patterson clarified that the county only needs to have a contract with Kid's Voice to pass the funds through and allow them to provide the services to the county.

PROPOSAL NO. 530, 2006 - approves a transfer of \$788,491 in the 2006 Budget of Marion Superior Court (County General Fund) to pay the costs of the clinic at the Juvenile Center and to replenish Character 03 funds transferred earlier this year

Ms. Patterson explained Exhibit B, per Proposal No. 530, 2006, and said the contract that the Marion Superior Court has with health facilities allows them to do more and provide a higher service with experts.

Councillor Oliver asked prior to the contract how the needs of the children were being met. Ms. Patterson said they were only involving health facilities on an emergency basis only. Councillor Oliver asked which facility was providing the services. Ms. Patterson said children were being transported to various facilities.

Councillor Brown asked if the courts included these services in their 2007 budget. Ms. Patterson replied in the affirmative.

Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Bowes, to send Proposal Nos. 527 – 530, 2006 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Chair Moriarty Adams asked for consent to group Proposal Nos. 531- 532, 2006 together. Consent was given.

PROPOSAL NO. 531, 2006 - appropriates \$464,525 in the 2006 Budget of Marion County Community Corrections (Home Detention User Fee Fund) to fund 2 Outreach Coordinators to work with and assist the adjoining neighborhood associations surrounding the Duvall Residential Center and to acquire additional equipment for the home detention program

Brian Barton, Director of the Marion County Community Corrections (MCCC), said the MCCC Board was receptive to the idea of two Outreach Coordinators; however, they did not pass the idea because they wanted to see the job descriptions. He said possibly the committee could entertain testimony and vote on this proposal and the Office of Finance and Management could put a hold on the money, subject to the board's approval. Committee members agreed to move forward with the proposal. Mr. Barton said the idea of the coordinators came about because of the neighborhood's disagreement regarding

the work release center. He said a Citizens Advisory Council will be developed to represent the neighborhood and work as a clearing house for ideas. Mr. Barton said there will be two coordinators because the Martindale-Brightwood Neighborhood Association and the Near East Side Community Organization (NESCO) are two different organizations and requested two separate coordinators.

Councillor McWhirter asked how long these positions are funded. Mr. Barton said the funding lasts until the end of June 2007. Councillor McWhirter asked if both the coordinators are full-time. Mr. Barton replied in the affirmative and said one coordinator is contractual (NESCO) and the other is a paid salary (Martindale-Brightwood) for a total of \$85,000. He said \$379,525 of the user fee dollars will be used for the leasing of home detention equipment.

PROPOSAL NO. 532, 2006 approves a transfer of \$75,957 in the 2006 Budget of Marion County Community Corrections (State and Federal Grants Fund) to pay for two community supervision managers

Mr. Barton said this appropriation is to hire two home detention officers from additional funds the Department of Corrections (DOC) gave Community Corrections from their re-entry grant. He said they are in need of more officers because they are putting about 1,800 people on some type of electronic surveillance.

Councillor Oliver stated that he is in support of the community coordinators in the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood. He said having those coordinators will be beneficial to the community.

Councillor Bowes moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal Nos. 531 and 532, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chair
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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